

1 9. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a memory coupled to said processor;
4 a network interface coupled to said processor;
5 said memory configured to cause said processor to:
6 receiving an incoming call signal on said network
7 interface;
8 processing said incoming call signal to detect an
9 intended recipient application using a listen string, said
10 listen string containing an application signature; and
11 launching a conferencing application if said
12 intended recipient application is said conferencing
13 application.

REMARKS

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,617,539, issued to Ludwig. (herein Ludwig). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments and addition made to the claims and of the following discussion.

It is axiomatic that for a reference to be anticipatory, each and every feature in the claims must be disclosed by the single reference. Ludwig **does not** anticipate the features

present in the currently amended claims to use a listen string AND application signature to identify the application to be launched for answering a call.

Applicant notes that the "collaboration initiator" of Ludwig does not use an application signature or listen string as claimed by Applicant and contained in Applicant's specification on page 17, line 1, and page 18, line 13. In addition, Applicant notes that the operation of the collaboration initiator requires significant interfacing with a directory service 66 and an AVNM 63. Applicant also calls into question whether the collaboration initiator of Ludwig operates in the same fashion as claimed by Applicant as the collaboration initiator of Ludwig seems to be a more resource intensive application as it provides a user interface to allow the user to initiate collaborative sessions (see Ludwig, col. 18, line 66, to col. 19, line 1).

In contrast, Applicant's invention uses a daemon conference component, which is a faceless background task with a small demand on resources, to listen and dynamically launch conferencing applications as necessary based on having been previously set up with listen strings corresponding to conferencing applications requesting persistent listening.

Although the Examiner has cited col. 22, lines 1-15 of Ludwig as showing Ludwig disclosing Applicant's claimed step of "locating said intended recipient application using an application signature", Applicant has not been able to locate a teaching or suggestion of the claimed step in the cite by the Examiner nor in Ludwig itself.

In view of the foregoing discussion and the amendments made to the claims, Applicant submits that the § 102(e) rejections are overcome. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 102(e) rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 1-9 now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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